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# regional PROFILE

## Far West

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**AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS National Regional Profile, 2000 to 2004**
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**Far West**
**SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS**

| | | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **ESTIMATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT - September quarter** | | | | | | |
| Unemployment | no. | - | - | 1,032 | 1,127 | 1,054 |
| Unemployment rate | % | - | - | 10.0 | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total Expenses | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Net Operating Balance (Revenue less Expenses) | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total Assets | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Total Liabilities | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| GFS Net Worth (Assets less Liabilities) | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Net Debt (Financial Liabilities less Financial Assets) | $'000 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| **SELECTED INCOME SUPPORT CUSTOMERS - at June** | | | | | | |
| Age pension | no. | - | - | 3,316 | 3,348 | - |
| Disability support pension | no. | - | - | 1,853 | 1,928 | - |
| Newstart allowance | no. | - | - | 1,223 | 1,134 | - |
| Parenting payment - single | no. | - | - | 796 | 855 | - |
| Youth allowance | no. | - | - | 572 | 573 | - |
| Other pensions and allowances | no. | - | - | 1,171 | 1,296 | - |
| Total selected income support customers | no. | - | - | 8,931 | 9,133 | - |
| Percentage of long-term Newstart allowance customers | % | - | - | 70.0 | 71.9 | - |
| **AVERAGE INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME - year ended 30 June** | $ | 34,134 | 35,788 | 36,593 | 36,048 | - |
| **WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary earners | no. | 7,396 | 7,087 | 6,935 | 6,833 | - |
| Wage and salary income | $m | 233.6 | 231.7 | 226.3 | 227.2 | - |
| Total income | $m | 241.3 | 242.0 | 247.2 | 237.2 | - |
| Average wage and salary income | $ | 31,580 | 32,697 | 32,636 | 33,248 | - |
| Average total income | $ | 32,627 | 34,151 | 35,640 | 34,717 | - |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SOURCE OF PERSONAL INCOME - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Wage and salary | % | 67.8 | 64.0 | - | - | - |
| Own unincorporated business | % | 3.9 | 7.3 | - | - | - |
| Investment | % | 3.7 | 4.5 | - | - | - |
| Superannuation and annuity | % | 1.1 | 1.2 | - | - | - |
| Government cash benefit | % | 23.1 | 22.8 | - | - | - |
| Other income | % | 0.3 | 0.2 | - | - | - |
| Total income from all sources | $m | 353.0 | 375.0 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | |
| **LAND AREA** | km2 | - | - | - | - | 146,964.1 |
| | | | | | | |
| **BUILDING APPROVALS - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Private sector houses | no. | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 19 |
| Total dwelling units | no. | 18 | 9 | 10 | 36 | 22 |
| Value of total residential building | $m | 2.9 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 7.3 | 4.7 |
| Value of total non-residential buildings | $m | 5.7 | 5.2 | 0.6 | 6.6 | 3.1 |
| Value of total building | $m | 8.6 | 7.3 | 3.0 | 13.9 | 7.8 |
| | | | | | | |
| **NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Passenger vehicles | no. | - | - | 353 | 370 | 385 |
| Other vehicles | no. | - | - | 345 | 397 | 398 |
| Total vehicles | no. | - | - | 698 | 768 | 783 |
| | | | | | | |
| **VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION - year ended 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Value of crops | $m | - | 13.1 | - | - | - |
| Value of livestock slaughterings and other disposals | $m | - | 31.7 | - | - | - |
| Value of livestock products | $m | - | 53.7 | - | - | - |
| Total value of agriculture | $m | - | 98.5 | - | - | - |
| | | | | | | |
| **POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX- at 30 June** | | | | | | |
| Males - 0 to 4 years | no. | 860 | 827 | 805 | 767 | 744 |
| Males - 5 years to 9 years | no. | 930 | 913 | 871 | 844 | 812 |
| Males - 10 years to 14 years | no. | 920 | 901 | 894 | 904 | 880 |
| Males - 15 years to 19 years | no. | 817 | 834 | 834 | 773 | 758 |
| Males - 20 years to 24 years | no. | 594 | 606 | 572 | 579 | 563 |
| Males - 25 years to 29 years | no. | 754 | 703 | 650 | 603 | 578 |
| Males - 30 years to 34 years | no. | 759 | 771 | 776 | 763 | 747 |
| Males - 35 years to 39 years | no. | 912 | 864 | 813 | 802 | 778 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Males - 40 years to 44 years | no. | 962 | 980 | 946 | 917 | 879 |
| Males - 45 years to 49 years | no. | 923 | 915 | 918 | 903 | 929 |
| Males - 50 years to 54 years | no. | 872 | 891 | 882 | 891 | 887 |
| Males - 55 years to 59 years | no. | 691 | 708 | 768 | 781 | 800 |
| Males - 60 years to 64 years | no. | 603 | 605 | 613 | 618 | 630 |
| Males - 65 years to 69 years | no. | 549 | 529 | 514 | 541 | 556 |
| Males - 70 years to 74 years | no. | 552 | 568 | 556 | 523 | 497 |
| Males - 75 years to 79 years | no. | 304 | 342 | 372 | 394 | 430 |
| Males - 80 years to 84 years | no. | 179 | 185 | 193 | 211 | 202 |
| Males - 85 years and over | no. | 106 | 109 | 112 | 120 | 136 |
| Males - total | no. | 12,287 | 12,251 | 12,089 | 11,934 | 11,806 |
| | | | | | | |
| Females - 0 to 4 years | no. | 750 | 775 | 742 | 701 | 695 |
| Females - 5 years to 9 years | no. | 811 | 798 | 777 | 792 | 793 |
| Females - 10 years to 14 years | no. | 851 | 832 | 824 | 794 | 787 |
| Females - 15 years to 19 years | no. | 726 | 717 | 720 | 710 | 706 |
| Females - 20 years to 24 years | no. | 584 | 564 | 589 | 559 | 515 |
| Females - 25 years to 29 years | no. | 734 | 695 | 646 | 618 | 578 |
| Females - 30 years to 34 years | no. | 824 | 786 | 782 | 764 | 756 |
| Females - 35 years to 39 years | no. | 891 | 871 | 834 | 818 | 779 |
| Females - 40 years to 44 years | no. | 917 | 937 | 942 | 925 | 891 |
| Females - 45 years to 49 years | no. | 847 | 844 | 840 | 821 | 848 |
| Females - 50 years to 54 years | no. | 816 | 824 | 798 | 803 | 793 |
| Females - 55 years to 59 years | no. | 617 | 643 | 684 | 701 | 738 |
| Females - 60 years to 64 years | no. | 619 | 606 | 596 | 602 | 599 |
| Females - 65 years to 69 years | no. | 569 | 564 | 568 | 588 | 595 |
| Females - 70 years to 74 years | no. | 584 | 603 | 580 | 568 | 554 |
| Females - 75 years to 79 years | no. | 429 | 422 | 461 | 475 | 502 |
| Females - 80 years to 84 years | no. | 328 | 346 | 352 | 352 | 343 |
| Females - 85 years and over | no. | 318 | 325 | 331 | 353 | 371 |
| Females - total | no. | 12,215 | 12,152 | 12,066 | 11,944 | 11,843 |
| | | | | | | |
| Persons - 0 to 4 years | no. | 1,610 | 1,602 | 1,547 | 1,468 | 1,439 |
| Persons - 5 years to 9 years | no. | 1,741 | 1,711 | 1,648 | 1,636 | 1,605 |
| Persons - 10 years to 14 years | no. | 1,771 | 1,733 | 1,718 | 1,698 | 1,667 |
| Persons - 15 years to 19 years | no. | 1,543 | 1,551 | 1,554 | 1,483 | 1,464 |
| Persons - 20 years to 24 years | no. | 1,178 | 1,170 | 1,161 | 1,138 | 1,078 |
| Persons - 25 years to 29 years | no. | 1,488 | 1,398 | 1,296 | 1,221 | 1,156 |
| Persons - 30 years to 34 years | no. | 1,583 | 1,557 | 1,558 | 1,527 | 1,503 |
| Persons - 35 years to 39 years | no. | 1,803 | 1,735 | 1,647 | 1,620 | 1,557 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Persons - 40 years to 44 years | no. | 1,879 | 1,917 | 1,888 | 1,842 | 1,770 |
| Persons - 45 years to 49 years | no. | 1,770 | 1,759 | 1,758 | 1,724 | 1,777 |
| Persons - 50 years to 54 years | no. | 1,688 | 1,715 | 1,680 | 1,694 | 1,680 |
| Persons - 55 years to 59 years | no. | 1,308 | 1,351 | 1,452 | 1,482 | 1,538 |
| Persons - 60 years to 64 years | no. | 1,222 | 1,211 | 1,209 | 1,220 | 1,229 |
| Persons - 65 years to 69 years | no. | 1,118 | 1,093 | 1,082 | 1,129 | 1,151 |
| Persons - 70 years to 74 years | no. | 1,136 | 1,171 | 1,136 | 1,091 | 1,051 |
| Persons - 75 years to 79 years | no. | 733 | 764 | 833 | 869 | 932 |
| Persons - 80 years to 84 years | no. | 507 | 531 | 545 | 563 | 545 |
| Persons - 85 years and over | no. | 424 | 434 | 443 | 473 | 507 |
| Persons - total | no. | 24,502 | 24,403 | 24,155 | 23,878 | 23,649 |
| **INDIGENOUS POPULATION - PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION at 30 June** | % | - | 8.8 | - | - | - |
| **OVERSEAS BORN POPULATION : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Total Born overseas | % | - | 4.1 | - | - | - |
| Born in Oceania and Antarctica (excluding Australia) | % | - | 0.5 | - | - | - |
| Born in North-West Europe | % | - | 1.8 | - | - | - |
| Born in Southern and Eastern Europe | % | - | 1.1 | - | - | - |
| Born in North Africa and the Middle East | % | - | 0.0 | - | - | - |
| Born in South-East Asia | % | - | 0.3 | - | - | - |
| Born in North-East Asia | % | - | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| Born in Southern and Central Asia | % | - | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| Born in Americas | % | - | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| Born in Sub-Saharan Africa | % | - | 0.1 | - | - | - |
| **SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION - Census 2001** | % | - | 1.9 | - | - | - |
| **LEVEL OF POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Postgraduate Degree | % | - | 0.5 | - | - | - |
| Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate | % | - | 0.6 | - | - | - |
| Bachelor Degree | % | - | 3.9 | - | - | - |
| Advanced Diploma and Diploma | % | - | 2.9 | - | - | - |
| Certificate | % | - | 14.4 | - | - | - |
| Inadequately described or Not stated | % | - | 14.6 | - | - | - |
| Total with qualifications | % | - | 37.0 | - | - | - |

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| **OCCUPATION OF EMPLOYED PERSONS : PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EMPLOYED PERSONS - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Managers and Administrators | % | - | 10.0 | - | - | - |
| Professionals | % | - | 13.4 | - | - | - |
| Associate Professionals | % | - | 11.1 | - | - | - |
| Tradespersons and Related Workers | % | - | 12.5 | - | - | - |
| Advanced Clerical and Service Workers | % | - | 2.3 | - | - | - |
| Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers | % | - | 16.5 | - | - | - |
| Intermediate Production and Transport Workers | % | - | 9.8 | - | - | - |
| Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers | % | - | 10.1 | - | - | - |
| Labourers and Related Workers | % | - | 11.7 | - | - | - |
| Inadequately described or Not stated | % | - | 2.6 | - | - | - |
| **HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Lone person households | no. | - | 2,816 | - | - | - |
| Group households | no. | - | 187 | - | - | - |
| Family households | no. | - | 6,099 | - | - | - |
| Total households | no. | - | 9,102 | - | - | - |
| **FAMILIES BY TYPE - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Couple families with children under 15 and/or dependent students | no. | - | 1,957 | - | - | - |
| Couple families with non-dependent children only | no. | - | 453 | - | - | - |
| Couple families without children | no. | - | 2,455 | - | - | - |
| One parent families with children under 15 and/or dependent students | no. | - | 841 | - | - | - |
| One parent families with non-dependent children only | no. | - | 336 | - | - | - |
| Other families | no. | - | 113 | - | - | - |
| Total families | no. | - | 6,155 | - | - | - |
| **PROPORTION OF POPULATION IN REMOTENESS AREA - Census 2001** | | | | | | |
| Major cities | % | - | 0.0 | - | - | - |
| Inner regional | % | - | 0.0 | - | - | - |
| Outer regional | % | - | 87.2 | - | - | - |
| Remote | % | - | 4.2 | - | - | - |
| Very remote | % | - | 8.6 | - | - | - |
| **POPULATION DENSITY - at 30 June** | persons/km2 | - | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| **BIRTHS AND DEATHS** | | | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Births - year ended 31 December | no. | 278 | 279 | 270 | 261 | 260 |
| Crude birth rate | rate | 11.3 | 11.4 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.9 |
| Deaths - year ended 31 December | no. | 255 | 232 | 243 | 237 | 231 |
| Crude death rate | rate | 10.4 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 9.9 | 9.7 |